GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:293
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EXTRADITION TREATIES
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem regarding extradition laws need improvement as reported in the Statesman dated September 30, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Government have been considering signing many more treaties of `Extradition by Mutual Consent` with other nations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the names of the countries with which India has not signed the extradition treaty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) & (b) Yes.

(c) India has Extradition Treaties with eighteen (18) countries. Since Independence Extradition Treaties have been finalized with sixteen (16) countries, viz. Belgium, Bhutan, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Mongolia,Nepal, Russian Federation, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, U.A.E., U.K., U.S.A.,Uzbekistan and Ukraine. In the cases of Netherlands and Switzerland, though the Extradition Treaties with these countries were signed before independence, these Treaties were reactivated after Independence through notification under the Extradition Act, 1962. The Extradition Treaties signed with Germany, Mongolia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Ukraine have not yet come into force. They will come into force after exchange of the instruments of ratification. India also has reciprocal extradition arrangements with nine (9) countries, viz. Australia, Fiji, Germany, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tanzania and Thailand.

India has initialled extradition treaties at official level with eight (8) countries, viz. Bulgaria, France, Malaysia, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Kazakhstan and Kuwait.

India has proposed negotiations for the finalization of extradition treaties with twenty seven (27) countries, viz. Bahrain, Belarus, Brazil, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Egypt,Ghana, Greece, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kyrghyzstan, Lithuania,Nepal (New Treaty), New Zealand, Nigeria, Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Sudan, Singapore, Thailand, Uganda and Yemen. Extradition treaties with these countries are at various stages of negotiation/finalization.

(d) Till date, India has not signed or proposed to sign Extradition Treaties with countries other than those countries mentioned above.